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St. Thomas More: "The King's good servant, but God's first"!

Dear Members,

First of all, a big THANK YOU to all who have sent in your membership renewal and annual dues. For the convenience of those of you who intended to do so but didn't yet get around to responding to our renewal requests, PLEASE fill out the attached membership form and send in your dues. We appreciate your participation and your support.

We also must thank Steve Lanctot and the staff of the Immaculate Conception Academy who gave us at our March luncheon an inspiring program about the successes of this century-old girls high school in the Mission and its newly installed student work program based on the Cristo Rey model. If you have not yet done so, encourage your firm to sign up to help ICA by hiring their students to share a job. The students' salary goes to defray their tuition costs. What an inspiration!

APRIL LUNCHEON

We are fortunate to have as our speaker the noted theologian Father Joseph Fessio, S.J. (see attached biography). Father Fessio will discuss Catholic Social Teaching as expressed in Pope Benedict XVI's third encyclical, Caritas in Veritate. We anticipate, especially in the light of all the recent adverse publicity against the Holy Father, that he will also comment on the papacy of Pope Benedict XVI in general and the recent controversy in particular. Please send in your reservation on the form attached. The luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 22nd, at the Family Club, corner of Bush and Powell Streets.

COMING EVENTS

St. Anthony's Service Project:

Contact Tim Crudo (timothy.crudo@lw.com) to volunteer with other members of STMS at St. Anthony's Dining Room. We have committed to provide volunteers on two more dates later in the year. Those who helped out in February and on Holy Saturday had a most rewarding experience.

Future Speakers and Events:

May 27: Bishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of the Diocese of Oakland who will share with us his experience as an assistant at the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura, the Church's highest canonical court in the Vatican and its important role in the governance of the Church.

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June 17: Father Jay Matthews of St. Benedict's Parish in Oakland, a Catholic historian who will focus on the role the Catholic African-American community in the Civil Rights movement.

August 8: Special Red Mass at 9 a.m. and Reception following at St. Mary's Cathedral during the ABA Convention (contact Adrian Driscoll for information - adriscoll@ropers.com).

September 23: Bishop William Justice, Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco - at luncheon honoring our past St. Thomas More Award winners and Past Presidents.

October 21: Save the Date for our Annual Red Mass and Dinner.

Theology on Tap: Once again we will enjoy the combination of a no-host bar and stimulating conversation at our Theology on Tap session. On Tuesday April 27, USF Dean Jeff Brand and Father Donal Godfrey, S.J. will moderate a discussion at the Holding Company in Embarcadero 2 starting at 5:30 pm. The program will seek comments on the subject of:

"Faith perspectives on the current crisis in the Vatican regarding criticism over the Church's handling of clergy abuse."

This should be an excellent follow-up to the comments of Father Fessio at our April luncheon about the accusations currently being made in the press against the Pope and the hierarchy of the Church. How are you reacting to this crisis?

May You Live In Interesting Times: It once was said that it was an ancient curse: "May you live in interesting times!" These are indeed interesting times for all of us who wish to emulate in our world what our patron St. Thomas More did in his: to stand up to the constant challenges to our Church and to our faith. The St. Thomas More Society is dedicated to encouraging our members in our legal community to be lights to our world through programs that help us to achieve that goal. Your ideas are welcome. Your participation is vital.

Peace,



J. Dennis McQuaid
President

Enclosures

- Membership Form
- RSVP - April Luncheon
- Biography: Father Joseph Fessio, S.J.